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Letter dated 4 March 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1565 (2004) of 1 October 2004, by which the Council renewed the mandate of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) until 31 March 2005.

Following the usual consultations, I have the honour to inform you that it is my intention to appoint Lieutenant General Babacar Gaye (Senegal) as Force Commander of MONUC. Lieutenant General Gaye will replace Major General Somaila Iliya (Nigeria), who completed his assignment on 28 February 2005.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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